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For: **Aryl Substituted Hydantoin Compounds and Their Use as Sodium
Channel Blockers**
Inventors: Sun *et al.*
Our Ref: 1861.1450001/JMC/JSL

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. PTO-Form 1449 citing documents (AA1-AE1, AL1, AL2, AM1-AP1, AR1-AR11, AS1-AS11, AT1-AT10);
3. Copies of documents cited on PTO-Form 1449; and
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Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. A copy of each document is also provided.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), Applicants' undersigned representative submits the following, in regards to non-English language documents **AL1**, **AM1**, **AN1**, **AO1**, **AL2**, **AR9** and **AS9** cited on Form PTO 1449:

Document **AL1**, German Patent Publication No. DT 23 58 504 A1, is in the German language. Document **AM1**, Dutch Patent Publication No. NL 7316064, is in the Dutch language. An English language abstract of both document **AL1** and document **AM1** is attached as document **AS10**

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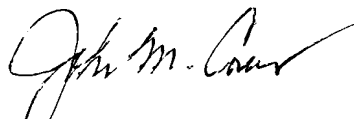
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